

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA- '681**

**Roslyn**

**8204 Streamwood Avenue**

**Randallstown, Baltimore County**

**Ca. 1800**

**Private**

The single-family dwelling known as Roslyn, located at 8204 Streamwood Avenue, was constructed circa 1800 between Pikesville and Randallstown in Baltimore County. The land, which had been in the Howard family since the 18th century, was originally owned by Cornelious Howard II circa 1798. The vernacular building was enlarged by the construction of a large, Italianate style addition during the property's ownership by Captain John Eager Howard III, an heroic captain in the Battle of Chapultepec. Although Howard's occupancy of the dwelling is confirmed by the 1850 county atlas, by the late 19th century, it was J.T. Myer who resided in the house. The 1915 county atlas confirms the Myer family ownership of the property, for it is listed in the atlas as the T.J. Myer Estate. According to prior documentation, the dwelling once contained a private Catholic Chapel visited by Cardinals Gibbons and Mercier.

The original portion of the dwelling known as Roslyn is a two-and-a-half-story, brick masonry structure with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The vernacular, three-bay-wide house was enlarged circa 1830 by the addition of two bays to the northwest side. This structure was significantly enlarged circa 1847 by the addition of a three-story Italianate style block on the southeast side of the original dwelling. The brick house became the ell to the five-bay-wide, German-sided frame house with a central hall plan. The foundation of the structure is solid random rubble stone. Below the hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, the cornice features a wide, molded frieze with shaped brackets. There is a tall, square cupola, pierced on each side by paired, round-arched 2/2 windows. Two central interior chimneys and two interior chimneys pierce the roof of the frame block. A five-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof and chamfered wood posts shelters the first story.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Roslyn (preferred)

other	Roseland, Rosland
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## 2. Location

street and number 8204 Streamwood Drive not for publication

city, town	Randallstown	X- vicinity
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county Baltimore County

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Beatrice Denefield
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street and number 8204 Streamwood Drive telephone

city, town	Baltimore	state	MD	zip code	21208
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel map 77, parcel 109

city, town	Towson	liber	6725	folio	97
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	___	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>1</u>	___ Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located at 8204 Streamwood Drive, the original portion of the dwelling known as Roslyn is a circa 1800 two-and-a-half-story, eight-course American bond brick masonry structure with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The vernacular, three-bay-wide house was enlarged circa 1830 by the addition of two bays to the northwest side. This structure was significantly enlarged circa 1847 by the addition of a three-story Italianate style block on the southeast side of the original dwelling. The brick house became the ell to the five-bay-wide, German-sided frame house with a central hall plan. The foundation of the structure is solid random rubble stone. Below the hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, the cornice features a wide, molded frieze with shaped brackets. There is a tall, square cupola, pierced on each side by paired, round-arched 2/2 windows. Two central interior chimneys and two interior chimneys pierce the roof of the frame block. The façade, or southeast elevation, of the resulting structure features a central entry with a sash-and-paneled double-leaf wood door with transom and six-light sidelights over paneled dado. Four full-length 4/6 windows flank the entry. A five-bay-wide porch shelters the first story. The half-hipped porch roof is supported by chamfered wood posts and features a moderate overhang ornamented by a modillion course. The second story features four 2/2 windows that flank a central set of paired 2/2 windows with a wood mullion. The first and second story openings have square-edged wood sills, molded wood surrounds and ornamental wood hoods. On the third story, four 1/1 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds flank a central round-arched 3/1 window with molded wood surround located below a small front gable. The circa 1830 addition was altered in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the placement of a wide vehicular doorway with a paneled roll-up door on its southwest elevation. Additionally, a small, circa 1950 wood frame addition projects from the second story, northeast elevation of the circa 1800 dwelling. This addition is clad in asbestos shingles and supported by square wood posts.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1847 ca.	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
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<b>Construction dates</b>	. 1847 ca
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Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The property is located near Pikesville Station, served by the Western Maryland Railroad and Gwynns Falls, an important trade stop near Randallstown. The dwelling is located in Election District Two, which is situated in the western portion of Baltimore County along the Howard and Carroll County borders. It is further bounded on the north by the Fourth District, the south by the First District and the east by the third district. The district is 44.79 square miles in area and is known for its fertile soil, granite and chrome mines and thriving farms. The community of Pikesville, on the outskirts of which Roslyn is located, was a thriving residential and commercial center as early as 1850. It retained this character through the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as the city of Baltimore began to expand westward. The community is now a suburb of the city, and the land on which Roslyn is located was subdivided in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and is now characterized by suburban residential development. The I-695 and I-795 corridors pass by the property and are visible from the grounds.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*, Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

*Map of Baltimore County*. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Scharf, Thomas J. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .2 acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property, known as Roslyn, is located at 8204 Streamwood Drive in Baltimore, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 77, Parcel 109 and in the Deeds of Record Liber 6725 Folio 97, archived in Towson, Maryland. The building has been associated with the site since its construction circa 1800.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	J. Bunting and A. McDonald, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Inc.	date	March 28, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

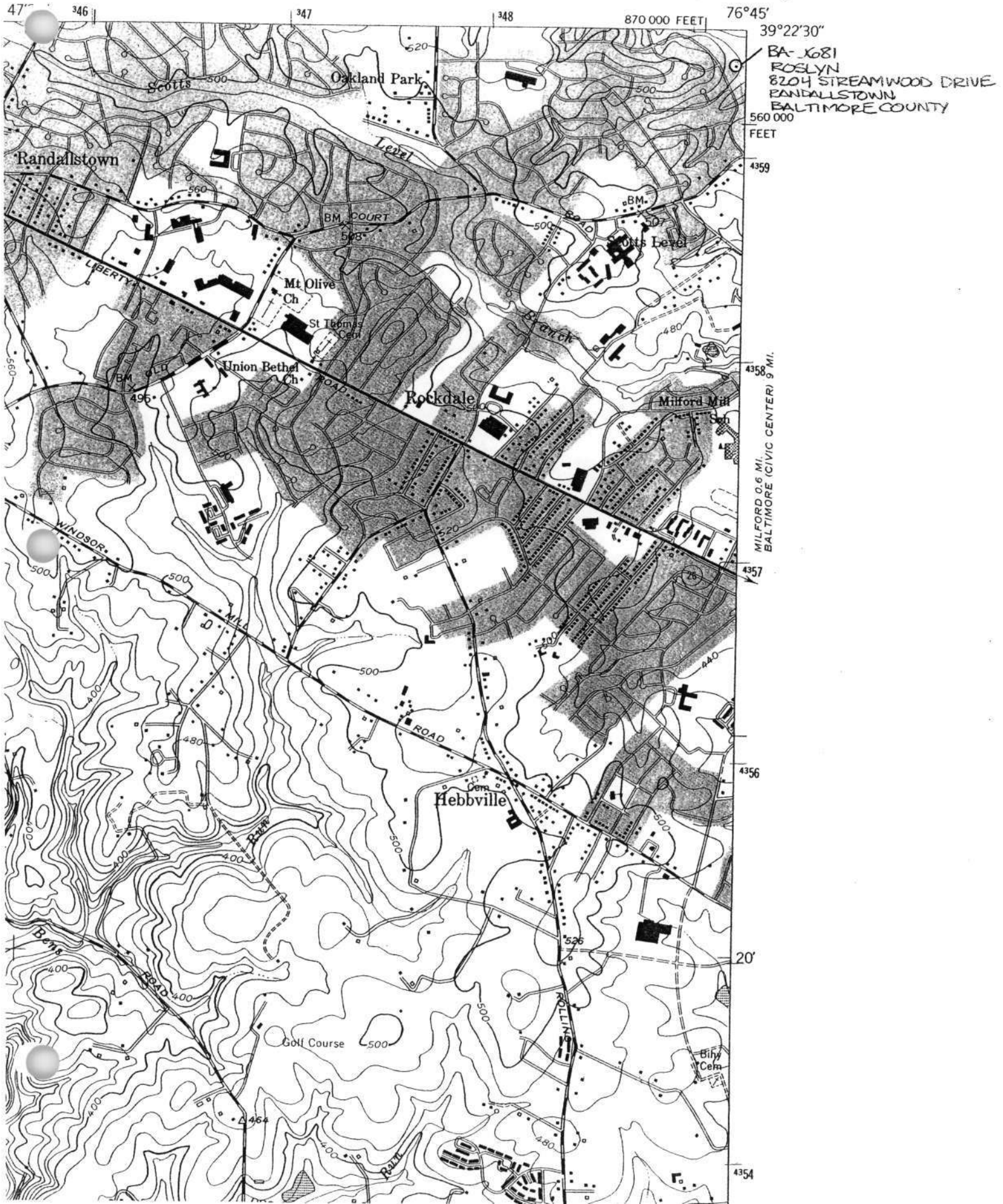
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 MARYLAND  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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 (COCKEYSVILLE)





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Dwelling, southeast elevation, view looking Northwest

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Dwelling, West corner, view looking East

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Dwelling, North corner, view looking South

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ROSLYN - c. 1847 - 8204 Streamwood Drive, 1.5 mile east of Pikesville. A large three-story white frame Italianate house with cupola tacked onto a 2-½ story brick house, that was apparently property of Cornelious Howard on the 1798 tax list. The Victorian portion was built by Captain John Eager Howard, III who had been commended for gallantry in the Battle of Chapultepec. The house once contained a private Catholic Chapel, visited by Cardinals Gibbons and Mercier. The estate has also been called Roseland and Rosland. Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Thomas.